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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP ROME (GGR)

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1. SUGGEST COUNTRY REP (CR) PROGRAM COULD BE ADDRESSED  
APPROPRIATELY IN BOTH FINANCE AND PROGRAM COMMITTEES.  
PROGRAM COMMITTEE COULD USEFULLY EXPLORE (A) MANNER IN  
WHICH OFFICES ARE BEING ESTABLISHED, I.E., COMPLETELY  
SEPARATE FROM UNDP RES REP OR IN ASSOCIATION WITH THAT  
OFFICE, (B) ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONSULTATION-COOPERATION WITH  
OTHER MULTILATERAL ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVES IN  
INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES, (C) RELATIONSHIP OF CR'S TO FAO  
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REGIONAL OFFICES, (D) WHETHER 47 APPROVED OFFICES ARE  
BEING ESTABLISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PRIORITIES AND  
CRITERIA OUTLINED PARA 1.46, REPORT OF THE 31ST PROGRAM  
COMMITTEE AND DG SEPTEMBER 29, 1976, LETTER TO GOVERN-  
MENTS, AND (E) STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS ON REMAINING  
COUNTRY OFFICES AND ANY DIFFICULTIES BEING ENCOUNTERED  
IN NEGOTIATIONS. (NOTE: THE CONFERENCE WAS INFORMED

THAT 51 COUNTRIES ALREADY HAD REQUESTED OFFICES.)

2. AS PART OF FINANCE COMMITTEE REVIEW, A STUDY OF HOST COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS WOULD BE IMPORTANT. IN THIS

REGARD, AN ATTACHMENT TO THE DG'S LETTER (CITED PARA 1 ABOVE INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINE:

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE HOST GOVERNMENT WILL PROVIDE SUITABLE OFFICE ACCOMMODATION AND FACILITIES, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY. WERE THE GOVERNMENT TO BE ALSO IN A POSITION TO ASSUME SOME OR ALL OF THE COSTS OF LOCALLY-RECRUITED STAFF AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COUNTRY OFFICE WOULD BE GREATLY FACILITATED."

3. WE ARE WORRIED THAT FAO COUNTRY OFFICES COULD BE VIEWED AS REVERSAL OF DG'S STATED INTENTION TO STREAMLINE ORGANIZATION AND AS APPARENT THREAT TO A CENTRAL FOCUS FOR UN DEVELOPMENT/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE EFFORTS. INFORMATION IS ADMITTEDLY SCANTY, BUT STORIES CIRCULATE THAT ISSUES OF PREROGATIVE AND STATUS ARE RECEIVING GREATER CONSIDERATION IN ESTABLISHING OFFICES THAN ADVISORY RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT. DG HAS ASSURED MEMBERS OF FAO COOPERATION WITH UNDP. FORTY-SEVEN OR MORE OFFICES WILL REPRESENT A CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND, WHILE POTENTIALLY OF GREAT VALUE TO COUNTRIES WHICH ARE PREDOMINANTLY RURAL, FAO REPS MUST CONTRIBUTE DIRECTLY TO A SOUND AND INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT IF THEY ARE TO BE SUPPORTED. VANCE

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